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CLOSURE OF NAGAJHARI HYDRO POWER PLANT
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Karnataka State has come under the grip of severe power shortage following failure of the entire Nagajhari Hydro Power Plant and one unit of Raichur Thermal Power Plant;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to provide financial assistance to supply additional power to the State?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE)

(a) & (b) : There has been no incident of failure of the entire Nagajhari Hydro Power Station (855 MW) during the months of January and February, 2008. However, one 210 MW unit of Raichur TPS (7x210 MW) remained under forced outage continuously, once for 6 days and second time for 8 days in January 2008 leading to loss of 210 MW capacity during the period. In February 2008, one of the 210 MW units of Raichur TPS was under outage on a few occasions. Between 25th and 27th February 2008, two 210 MW units were under outage.

The energy and peak shortages in Karnataka during the month of January, 2008, were 4.0% and 10.4%, as compared to 3.0% and 9.3% respectively during January, 2007. Similarly, the energy and peak shortages in the State during February, 2008 were 5.4% and 15.4% respectively as compared to the respective shortages of 2.7% and 7.1% during February, 2007.

(c) : No financial assistance is provided by the Government for supply of additional power to the States. The State of Karnataka has not yet been able to finalize a viable coastal site for the Ultra Mega Power Plant to be located in Karnataka.